

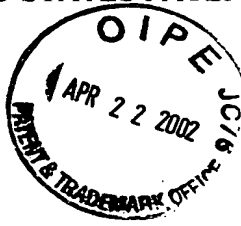
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tsutomu ISHII et al.

Application No.: 09/181,809

Filed: October 29, 1998

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD TO PHOTOISOMERIZE A RECORDING LAYER  
WITH A POLARIZING ROTARY DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

Group Art Unit: 2653

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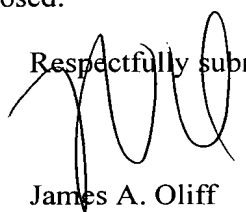
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination and entry and consideration of the attached Amendment filed herewith. The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

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Further to the Request for Continued Examination and Petition for Extension of Time  
filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please replace claims 1, 11, 21, 22, 26, 35, 37, 39, 40, 43, 46, 49 and 52-55 as

follows:

1. (Four Times-Amended) An optical recording medium, comprising at least one optical recording layer, the optical recording layer including an optical recording material having at least one of a polymer or a liquid crystal polymer that changes a state of photo-induced birefringence in response to a recording light that is externally controlled from the optical recording medium to rotate a polarization angle of the recording light, a portion of the recording layer that changes a state of photo-induced birefringence substantially acting optically as a half-wave plate; and

a substrate which sustains the optical recording layer,